HONDA Service Bulletin

Model	Applicable To	File Under	Bulletin No.
1998–99 CIVIC **1998–99 ACCORD**	**ALL with full wheel covers**	**PDI**	**96-016** Issue Date **FEB 23, 1999**

Preventing Warped Wheel Covers

(Supersedes 96-016, Warped Wheel Covers, dated February 20, 1996)

BACKGROUND

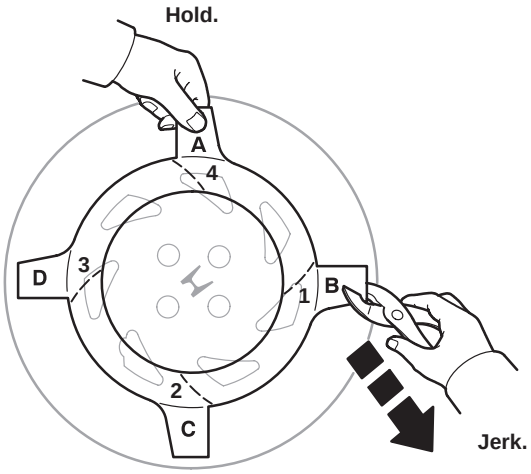
During PDI, wheel covers can become warped if their protective covers are not properly removed, or if the wheel cover tabs are bent when the wheel covers are reinstalled. When removing the protective covers during PDI, make sure that you follow this procedure to prevent wheel cover warpage.

WARRANTY CLAIM INFORMATION

None, this procedure is considered part of PDI.

REMOVAL PROCEDURE

1. Hold tab A with one hand. Use a pair of pliers to grasp tab B, and jerk *clockwise* on the tab to separate the protective cover at perforation 1. Do *not* try to remove the protective cover from behind the wheel cover at this time.

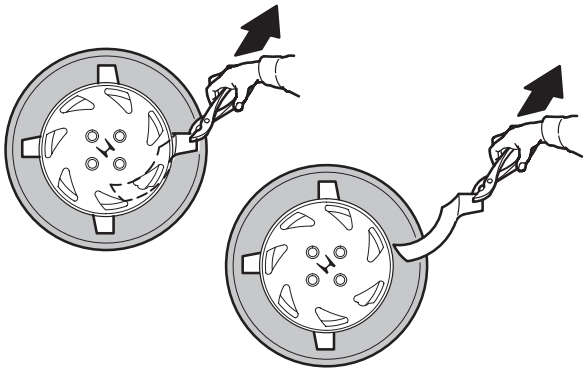


Letters and numbers are for illustration purposes only, they are not printed on the protective cover.

2. Hold tab B with one hand. Use the pliers to grasp tab C, and jerk clockwise on the tab to separate the protective cover at perforation 2.

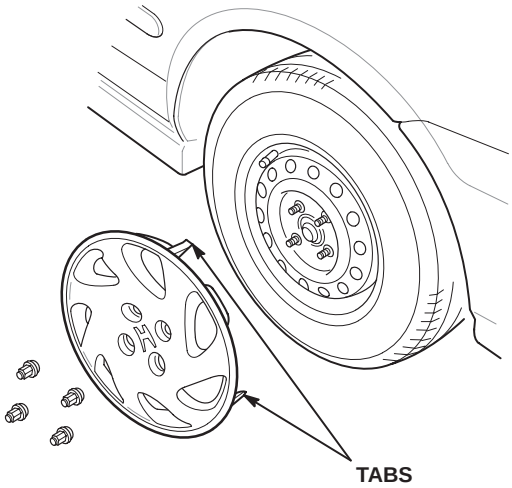
3. Repeat this procedure with tabs D and A. Make sure that all four perforations have fully separated.

4. Use the pliers to carefully pull *counterclockwise* on tab B, and remove one section of the protective cover from behind the wheel cover.



5. Repeat step 4 on the remaining sections of the protective cover. If a piece of the protective cover remains behind the wheel cover, do *not* bend or pry on the wheel cover to remove the piece; you will warp the wheel cover. Remove the wheel cover first to remove any remaining pieces.

6. If you remove a wheel cover, reinstall it carefully so that you do not bend the tabs. Align the holes in the cover with the valve stem and the mounting studs, and make sure that the cover is sitting squarely on the wheel before you press it into place.



©1999 American Honda Motor Co., Inc. – All Rights Reserved

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: The information in this bulletin is intended for use *only* by skilled technicians who have the proper tools, equipment, and training to correctly and safely maintain your car. These procedures should not be attempted by "do-it-yourselfers," and you should not assume this bulletin applies to your car, or that your car has the condition described. To determine whether this information applies, contact an authorized Honda automobile dealer.